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NEWS RELEASE

UD TO HONOR SIX, INCLUDING RETIRED BERRY CO. CEO AND DAYTON FLYER FOR EXEMPLIFYING LEARNING, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

DAYTON, Ohio – The University of Dayton's National Alumni Association will honor six alumni for exemplifying learning, leadership and service at a 7 p.m. awards dinner on Friday, Sept. 16, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom.

Peter A. Luongo, retired president and CEO of the Berry Co., will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Currently an executive-in-residence in UD's School of Business Administration and interim director of UD's Center for Leadership and Executive Development, he has served on numerous boards and advisory committees on campus. Locally, he chaired the United Way of the Greater Dayton Area in 2003 and remains vice chair of its board of directors. He also serves as treasurer and a member of the executive committee of the Dayton Development Coalition. The Xenia resident earned a bachelor's degree in communication from UD in 1965.

Other honorees include:

- The Rev. JD Grigsby Jr., Christian Service Award. A former standout Dayton Flyers basketball player and Dayton Public Schools teacher, Grigsby is the pastor of Grace AME Church in Bellefontaine, Ohio. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from UD in 1973 and a master's degree in guidance counseling in 1978. A Dayton resident, he is pursuing a doctorate in Christian counseling.

- Daniel E. Denlinger, Special Achievement Award. Denlinger, staff development engineer and innovation and continuous improvement principal for Delphi Corp., worked to establish UD as one of Delphi's five strategic partners worldwide. He helped UD establish a program so engineers under his supervision could earn advanced degrees conveniently on-site at Delphi. He led by example, earning a master's in engineering management in 1999, two decades after earning a master's in management science from UD. According to Delphi, Denlinger, of Grand Blanc, Mich., has produced more than \$100 million in savings and reliability and performance improvements. His contributions have helped make possible safer, less expensive and more efficient vehicles.

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- Michele Mirto, Special Achievement Award. Mirto directs the Volunteer Law Program in Arizona, where more than 1,000 volunteer attorneys provide pro bono services to the poor. Her volunteer attorneys have helped the poor settle landlord-tenant issues, gain civil protection orders for battered women and resolve diverse legal issues. The project served 3,182 persons in nine counties in 2004. The Tucson resident earned a law degree from UD in 1991.

- Joseph M. Scaminace, Special Achievement Award. President and CEO of OM Group in Cleveland and former longtime Sherwin-Williams executive, Scaminace is widely recognized for his leadership skills. The Cleveland resident earned a degree in economics from UD in 1975 and an MBA from Case Western Reserve University.

- Maura Carew, Joe Belle Memorial Award. Former president of Pax Christi, a peace and social justice service group on campus, Carew has continued her work for social justice, serving with Franciscans International in Colombia. A resident of Morehead, Ky., she graduated in 2004 from UD with a degree in Spanish. This award is named after a popular longtime administrator on campus who battled an incurable brain tumor and died in 2000.

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